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TOPIC Laerz Airfield

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1. The Laerz airfield (N 54/U 33) (location see Annex) was observed

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was intermittent fog. About 55 jet fighters and 50 to 60 conventional fighters were standing at the airfield. The jet engines were run daily in groups for two or three minutes. All the aircraft were covered by tarpaulins and were moored. There was no flying. The sides of the runway were marked by red and white flags. The jet planes standing near the runway were towed in the evening to the southern border of the airfield by command cars marked with a horizontal red stripe around the radiator.

2. Description of the jet planes : Air intake in nose, exhaust at rear. Air intake conspicuous as a red disc about 60 cm in diameter. Mid-wing monoplane, wings with pronounced sweepback; rudder assembly slanting to the rear with sweptback elevator assembly set in upper third of rudder assembly. Landing gear under wings, nose wheel, painted silver-gray; no armament seen; red Soviet star on rudder assembly.

3. The conventional fighters had in-line or radial engines, all were fitted with three-bladed propellers. Because of the great distance no details were noticed. Railroad tank cars which were being emp-

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4. Railroad tank cars which were being emptied into tank trucks were standing on the spur track. [REDACTED]

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5. Three billets, occupied to capacity by about 250 men, were seen at the southwestern corner of the airfield. Other airfield personnel were quartered in barracks in Rechlin (N 54/U 33). The following motor vehicles were observed on the road from the airfield to Rechlin :

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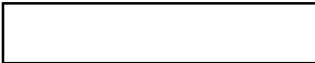
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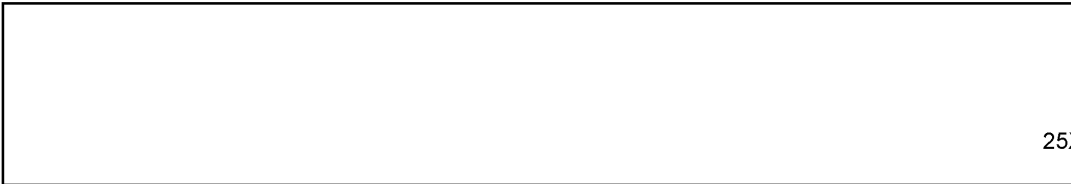


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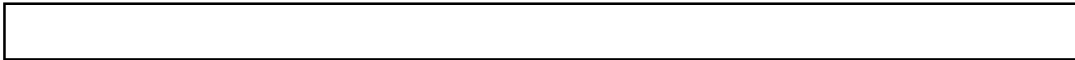
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a. The Laerz airfield is assumed to be occupied by two regiments of the III Ptr Corps. These regiments were reequipped with swept-back jet planes during recent months. The previously used conventional fighters were apparently not shipped out. The arrival of additional flying personnel was not observed. 25X1



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1 Annex : Layout Sketch of the Laerz Airfield.

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